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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA'S MEETING  
WITH PRESIDENT FORD

1. BEGIN SUMMARY:EARLY PRESS COVERAGE OF FOREIGN MINISTER  
SILVEIRA'S SEPTEMBER 29 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT  
FORD STRESSED REPORTED STATEMENTS OF PRESIDENT  
THAT US CONSIDERS RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL  
IMPORTANT AND WISHES TO STAY IN CONSULTATION  
WITH BRAZIL ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS, THAT HE  
IS IMPRESSED WITH BRAZIL'S ECONOMIC GROWTH,  
AND THAT HE INTENDS TO VISIT BRAZIL.  
END SUMMARY

2. CORREIO BRAZILIENSE HEADLINED "FORD REAFFIRMS  
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP WITH BRAZIL",  
ADDING "US PRESIDENT GERALD FORD REAFFIRMED  
YESTERDAY THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTRIBUTES TO THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRIENDLY AND CLOSE RELATIONS  
BETWEEN THE US AND BRAZIL". JORNAL DO BRASIL  
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QUOTED WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN AS SAYING PRESIDENT

"TOOK THE OCCASION TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE UNITED STATES GIVES TO THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL".

3. O GLOBO QUOTED PRESIDENT AS SAYING "OUR COUNTRY WANTS, ON A PERMANENT BASIS, TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD". UNDER HEADLINE "US WILL CONSULT BRAZIL ON CUBAN QUESTIONS," SAME PAPER REPORTED "DURING THE PROCESS OF DECIDING THE CUBAN QUESTION ...

THE US WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH BRAZIL, SAID PRESIDENT GERALD FORD YESTERDAY". CORREIO BRIZILIENSE CITED WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN AS SAYING PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED THAT THE US "WILL REMAIN IN PERMANENT CONSULTATION WITH BRAZIL AND THE OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE OAS BEFORE THE MEETING IN QUITO..." JORNAL DO BRASIL, AFTER REPORTING LIST OF TOPICS DISCUSSED, SAID "THE MENTION OF PETROLEUM INDICATES THAT THE BRAZILIAN POSITION WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH THE FIVE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE CARRYING OUT TO SOLVE THE SUPPLY PROBLEM".

4. JORNAL DO BRASIL HEADLINED ON FRONT PAGE, AND O GLOBO ALSO RAN STORY ON, ALLEGED STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT (APPARENTLY REPORTED BY AFP) THAT HE INTENDS TO VISIT BRAZIL "SOON".

5. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS IN RIO UPON HIS RETURN TO BRAZIL, SILVEIRA ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED THE ABOVE, EXCEPT WITH REGARD TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BRAZIL, WHICH (ACCORDING TO CORREIO BRIZILIENSE) HE SAID "WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DUE TIME".

6. SILVEIRA ALSO ADDED SOME POINTS REGARDING HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, TELLING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTERS THAT BRAZIL WILL NOT CHANGE ITS POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE ARABS, IN SPITE OF CONSIDERING THE US POSITION OF RESISTANCE TO HIGH PETROLEUM PRICES "LEGITIMATE". ACCORDING TO VARIOUS PAPERS, SILVEIRA ALSO SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT REVEALED HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY THE REACTION TO HIS SPEECH ON THIS POINT, AND SILVEIRA EXPLAINED THE REACTION TO HIM. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO

QUOTED SILVEIRA AS SAYING "I POINTED OUT TO  
HIM THAT THE SPEECH GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF A  
FRONT OF RESISTANCE TO THE ARAB POLICY. HE  
CLARIFIED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NEVER THOUGHT  
OF BRINGING ABOUT A FRONT OF BROAD ACTION OF  
OPPOSITION TO ARAB PRETENSIONS. I WENT FURTHER,  
RECALLING THAT THE CHANGE OF ONE DEGREE IN  
AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS PROFOUND  
INFLUENCES ALL OVER THE WORLD."  
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